

**MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**December 6, 2022
Meeting**

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of October 4, 2022 LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison WI 53718 and via videoconference on **December 6, 2022**. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.84. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Cupp at **9:00 am** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Bobbie Webster, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Andrew Buttles, Ron Grasshoff, Mike Hofberger, Bob Thome, Brian Weigel, Andrew Potts, and Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water), Eric Allness (NRCS) and Ian Krauss (FSA).

Approval of Agenda

Motion

Weigel motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Buttles, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Potts motioned to approve the October 4, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved minutes shall be posted as the official meeting record for publication on the LWCB website.

Item #2 Public Appearances

No public appearance cards were submitted.

Item #3 Recommendation for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Eau Claire County

Chad Berge, County Conservationist, Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division, and Heather DeLuka, Land Conservation Committee Member, made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County's LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB's website lwcb.wi.gov.

DATCP's review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

The County provided written answers to the Board's standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB's website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Eau Claire County's LWRM plan revision for a period of 10 years, seconded by Buttles, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Richland County

Cathy Cooper, County Conservationist, Richland County Land Conservation Department, and Melissa Luck, Land+ Zoning Standing Committee Chair, made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County's LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB's website lwcb.wi.gov.

DATCP's review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

The County provided written answers to the Board's standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB's website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of Richland County's LWRM plan revision for a period of 10 years, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Recommendation for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Buffalo County

Cale Severson, Land Conservationist, Buffalo County Land Management, and Dwight Ruff, Land Conservation, Ag & Extension Committee Chair, made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County's LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB's website lwcb.wi.gov.

DATCP's review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

The County provided written answers to the Board's standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB's website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Weigel motioned to recommend approval of Buffalo County's LWRM plan revision for a period of 9 years, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 Review of LWCB Bylaws

Katy Smith, DATCP, presented a review of the LWCB's Bylaws. The proposed bylaw revisions are available within the [December 6, 2022 meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval the Bylaw revisions as presented, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 Lunch

The Board observed a lunch break.

Item #8 Introduction to Grassland 2.0

Randy Jackson, Campbell-Bascom Professor of Grassland Ecology, UW-Madison, gave an introductory presentation the Grassland 2.0 project.

Item #8 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Outagamie County

Greg Baneck, County Conservationist, Sarah Kussow GIS Specialist/Watershed Planner, Outagamie County Land Conservation Department and Debbie VanderHeiden, Land Conservation Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's 5-year LWRM plan review.

The County provided written answers to the Board's standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB's website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Hofberger motioned to recommend approval of Outagamie County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research - Committee Updates

Ron Grasshoff and Zach Zopp, DATCP, presented to the Board on the meeting of the LWCB's Advisory Committee on Research. The cover memo submitted to the Board is available online at the LWCB website within the [December 6, 2022 meeting packet](#).

Item #10 Review of Annual Agenda

Katy Smith, DATCP, presented the 2023 LWCB Annual Agenda to the Board. The cover memo and proposed agenda is available online at the LWCB website within the December 6, 2022 meeting packet.

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Schoen motioned to recommend approval the Annual Agenda as presented, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 Agency Reports

FSA- Ian Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [December 6, 2022 meeting packet](#).

NRCS – Eric Allness submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [December 6, 2022 meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Allness reported: Angela Biggs is still on detail to National Headquarters; Jaime Keith of Mississippi has been detailed to Wisconsin as Acting State Conservationist; The Federal Government is operating on a continuous resolution; Producers should expect to receive requests to complete census of agriculture surveys electronically.

WI Land+Water- Matt Krueger submitted a written report to the meeting chat. Krueger reported that: WI Land + Water is working to promote its legislative priorities including core funding of county conservation staff and updates to the Farmland Preservation Program as proposed in 2021 SB 68; WI Land + Water is planning for its annual conference March 1- March 3; and WI Land + Water recently finished its [Conservation and Climate Change Webinar Series](#).

DOA – Andrew Potts reported that the board could expect an update on the governor’s budget at the February 2023 meeting.

DATCP – Brian Weigel submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [December 6, 2022 meeting packet](#).

DNR – Jill Schoen submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [December 6, 2022 meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Schoen reported that DNR Secretary Preston Cole resigned in November; Eric Evensen (Northeast Region) and Dale Gasser (Southwest Region) left positions as regional non-point coordinators.

Item #14 Planning for the February 2023 LWCB meeting

The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting:

- 5-year Review Dane County
- Report and Potential Recommendation on the 2023 CREP Spending Authority
- Election of Officers
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates

Item #15 Adjourn

Motion

Weigel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Buttles, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved at the February 7, 2023 meeting of the LWCB.

